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In re: Glucksmann *et al.* Confirmation No.: 9625
Appl No.: 09/781,880 Group Art Unit: 1647
Filed: February 12, 2001 Examiner: Robert S. Landsman
For: NOVEL SEVEN-TRANSMEMBRANE PROTEIN/G-PROTEIN COUPLED
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2003, in which the Examiner has required restriction between: Group I, namely Claims 1-7 and 12, as applied to SEQ ID NOS:1-3; Group II, namely Claims 1-7 and 12, as applied to SEQ ID NOS:4-6; and, Group III, namely Claims 1-7 and 12, as applied to SEQ ID NOS:7-9. Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute the claims of Group III, namely Claims 1-7 and 12, as applied to SEQ ID NOS:7-9. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

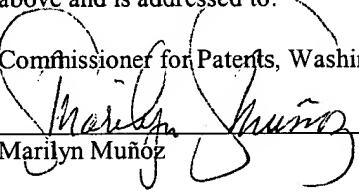
It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



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